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Letter from Samuel P. Langley to Alexander Graham Bell, March 9, 1901

SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION. Washington. U.S.A. March 9, 1901 Dear Mr. Bell:

I have just been apprised of your request, and I have great pleasure in sending by special messenger my own copy of Chanute's "Progress in Flying Machines".

Inclosed with it are two curious engravings, nearly sixty years old, presenting two imaginary flights of flying-machines. One of them, the aerial steam carriage, is very like the one in the Museum.

I am referring to this book so frequently, that I will ask you to return it to me as soon as it has served your purpose.

Very truly yours, S P Langley Doctor A. Graham Bell, Volta Bureau, Corner 35th & Q Sts., N.W., West Washington.